

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool of a cutting machine having a base element and a chisel holder, wherein the chisel holder ~~is provided with~~ has a plug-in shoulder ~~which is~~ retained in a plug-in receptacle of the base element, ~~and wherein~~ the plug-in receptacle is spatially connected with its surroundings via at least one or several openings, wherein opening, and at least one of the openings is at least partially closed by ~~means of~~ a sealing element (30), ~~characterized in that~~ the cutting tool comprising:

the chisel holder (10) ~~rests with its~~ having a stop (11) resting against ~~[[the]]~~ a second stop (24) of the base element (20),

that the base element (20) ~~[[has]]~~ having a shoulder (21) extending at an angle ~~in relation~~ relative to the second stop (24),

that a clearance (16) ~~acting as~~ forming an adjusting space ~~is formed~~ between the shoulder (21) of the base element (20) and ~~[[the]]~~ a side of the chisel holder (10) facing the shoulder (21), wherein the sealing element (30) is shaped ~~in such a way that it bridges this~~ to bridge the clearance (16).

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2. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing element (30) is arranged, at least in some areas between the chisel holder (10) and the base element (20), around the plug-in receptacle (22).

3. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with claim ~~[[1 or]]~~ 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) is ~~embodied~~ formed as a molded element having ~~[[the]]~~ a contour of ~~[[the]]~~ a circumference of the plug-in shoulder (15) of the chisel holder (10).

4. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 3, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the base element (20) has a circumferential bezel (23) extending at least partially around the plug-in receptacle (22), which is used as a seat for the sealing element (30).

5. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) is made of a permanently elastic material, ~~preferable~~ including one of a silicon, or of and a thermoplastic elastomer.

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6. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to claim 5, wherein characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) is angled ~~in a manner~~ corresponding to ~~[[the]]~~ an angle between the shoulder (21) and the second stop (24) of the base element (20).

7. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to claim 6, wherein characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) has a section of an O-shaped cross section (31), which rests at least in part against an area of the base element (20) assigned to the second stop (24), and has a section (32) ~~which is angled off in relation~~ relative to the ~~latter, second stop (24)~~ which rests against the shoulder (21) of the base element (20) and has a thickened cross section which at least partially bridges the clearance (16) ~~at least partially~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the angled-off section (32) has a wedge-shaped sealing lip (34).

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9. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 7 or claim 8, wherein characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) is embodied as an injection-molded element, and ~~[[the]]~~ a sprue nose (33) is arranged ~~in an area of the~~ near a cross section which ~~has been~~ is thickened corresponding to the clearance (16).

10. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool in accordance with ~~one of claims 1 to claim 9, wherein one of characterized in that~~ the sealing element (30) is drawn as a separate plastic component on the plug-in shoulder (15), ~~or that~~ and the sealing element (30) is injection-molded on the plug-in shoulder (15) as a plastic component.

11. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is formed as a molded element having a contour of a circumference of the plug-in shoulder (15) of the chisel holder (10).

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12. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the base element (20) has a circumferential bezel (23) extending at least partially around the plug-in receptacle (22), which is used as a seat for the sealing element (30).

13. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is made of a permanently elastic material, including one of a silicon and a thermoplastic elastomer.

14. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is angled corresponding to an angle between the shoulder (21) and the second stop (24) of the base element (20).

15. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) has a section of an O-shaped cross section (31), which rests at least in part against an area of the base element (20) assigned to the second stop (24), and has a section (32) angled relative to the second stop (24) which rests against the shoulder (21) of the base element (20) and has a thickened cross section which at least partially bridges the clearance (16).

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16. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 15, wherein the angled-off section (32) has a wedge-shaped sealing lip (34).

17. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the sealing element (30) is embodied as an injection-molded element, and a sprue nose (33) is arranged near a cross section which is thickened corresponding to the clearance (16).

18. (New) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of the sealing element (30) is drawn as a separate plastic component on the plug-in shoulder (15) and the sealing element (30) is injection-molded on the plug-in shoulder (15) as a plastic component.